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Bay Area Air District Announces \$1.5 Million in Grants for Climate Protection

San Francisco, CA. – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District today announced the launch of a \$1.5 million Climate Protection Grant Program to help reduce the Bay Area's contribution to climate change.

This grant program will provide funding to local governments, schools, non-profit organizations and small businesses within the Bay Area for projects designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Grants will fund activities in the areas of youth outreach, local government initiatives, and best practices that have proven effective in reducing emissions. In particular, the Air District is seeking to fund innovative new approaches that hold promise for making significant, long-term cuts in greenhouse gas emissions.

This \$1.5 million represents the largest single source of funding available for climate protection projects in the Bay Area.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is the first air district in the nation to set aside funding for a climate protection grant program. "Providing funding for climate protection goes hand-in-hand with the Air District's mission of achieving clean air to protect public health," said Air District Executive Officer Jack P. Broadbent, "since higher temperatures associated with climate change would likely result in increased ozone levels. The Air District is proud to continue its early leadership in climate protection by providing this much-needed funding to the region."

As part of its overall Climate Protection Program, the Air District developed a Bay Area Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventory, funded a study to evaluate greenhouse gas emission-control technologies for its permitted sources, and hosted a regional climate protection summit. The Air District is also developing a global warming curriculum for elementary schools, and is coordinating efforts to deliver technical assistance to local governments to implement local climate protection programs.

Grants will be made to local governments, K-12 schools, non-profit organizations and small businesses within the District's nine-county jurisdiction. Applications are due no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, November 9, 2007. Workshops will be held for grant-seekers the first week of October. For further information on the District's Climate Protection Grant Program, or to attend a grant-seekers workshop, visit the Air District's website at www.baaqmd.gov.

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